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Requests for appropriations

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PYONGYANG, KOREA (CHOSŬN, JAPAN)

Nov 20, 1911

Dear Dr. Brown: There are three requests for appropriations from our Station, approved by the Mission, to which I want to ask your special attention.

- 1st For \$500.00 (\$1000.00) for "Securing City Wall and grading same."
- 2nd For Equipment for the Theological Seminary \$500.00 (\$1000.00)
- 3rd For additional land for the College \$5000.00 (\$10000.00) of which \$2500.00 (\$5000.00) is now urgently needed.

Concerning the first - The City wall site about 20 to 30 ft wide is a long strip of wall and embankment, running lengthwise between our Hospital and Theol. Seminary Compound and the Women's Academy and Southern Pres. Mission's Seminary Dormitory Compound. Possession of this was essential and we tried every way for several years to buy it or secure it from the Government but could not until we had a chance to do the Government a favor, when because of Mr. Lee and myself granting right of way to the Government through some Government school grounds we were able to secure this and immediately enclosed it with walls thus uniting our properties. The \$500.00 asked is for this project and the grading of the same. I have not pressed it before because greater needs were more important but the possession of this is a necessity. The Women's Academy new building is in part on this, and the Seminary Library is selected to occupy the highest part of it. The diagram accompanying this will show clearly how important it is for us to have this project. We would have given twice as much to secure it had it been necessary.

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PYONGYANG, KOREA (CHONG, JAPAN).

Concerning the Second — The Board of Directors of the Theol. Sem. has asked each mission to secure a small sum each for equipment of the Seminary. Office furniture - organ, Bell, Puffet, etc. etc. we and our Mission request \$500.00 (\$1000.00) This too I greatly hope we can receive at once. These two sums we must look for from the Board direct for they are not large enough or distinct enough to constitute a special object which appeal to individuals.

Concerning the Third — We need greatly the land immediately back of the new College Building and a piece immediately adjoining the new College Dormitory. We can get these now and it is imperative that we buy while they can be bought. We want the whole \$10000.00 for College land as asked for but half of it is urgently needed to make purchase now while the land is purchasable. If this should be bought up and built upon by Koreans - we would have to pay much more for it later on. Please try to find this \$2500.00 (\$5000.00) for us at once. We have been given so many good things in the last few years and are so grateful for them that we can wait while for some of the larger things still desirable but some of these smaller requests for land, equipment, heating plants etc. we greatly wish to secure at once so as to finish up present institution. We have just welcomed the Lees on their return and rejoice to add Mrs. Hoffman to the station.

PYONGYANG STATION, KOREA MISSION.

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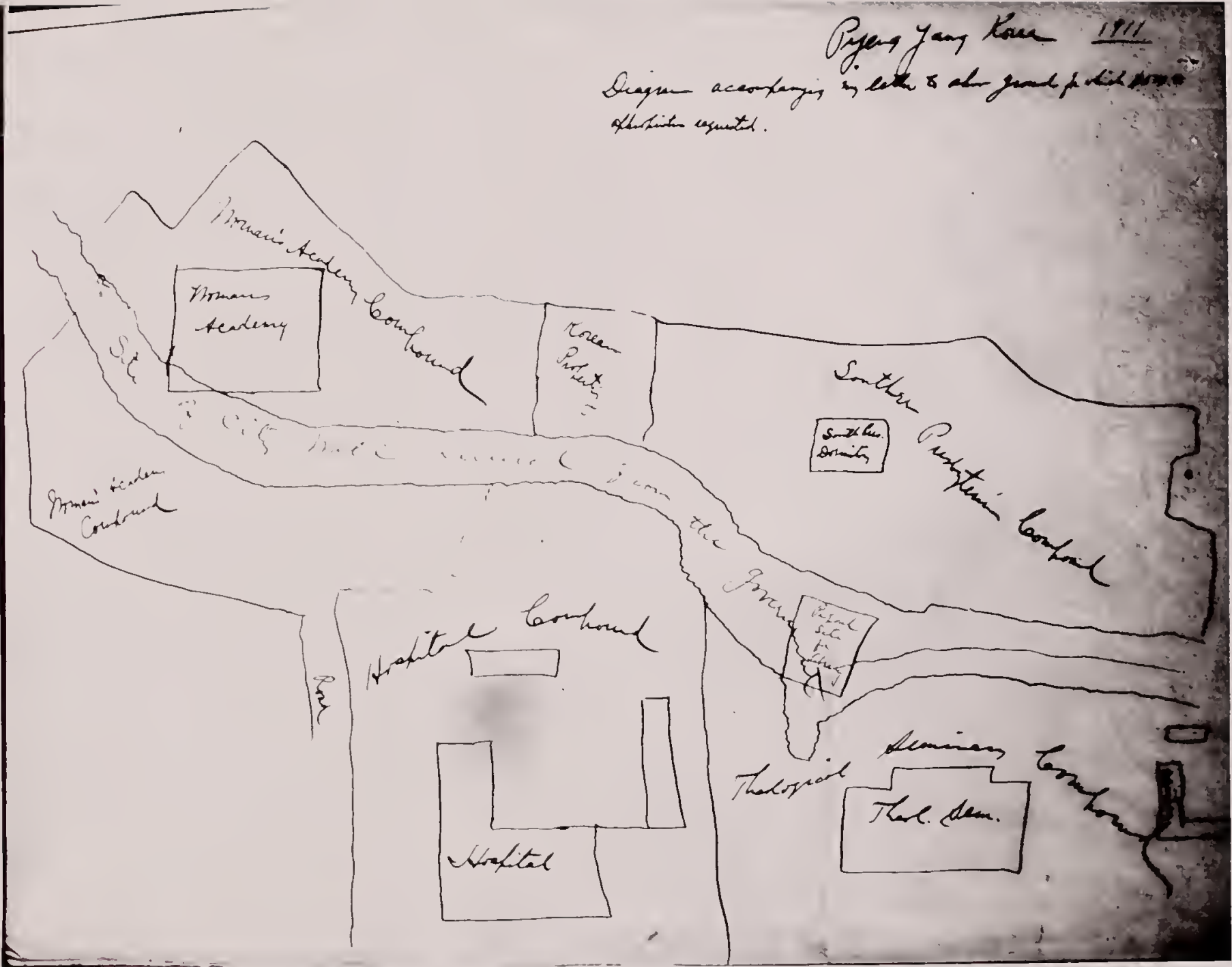
PYONGYANG, KOREA (CHONG, JAPAN).

The College Building is under roof - the Women's Academy occupied
 and work goes on as usual. Our 7th Church has just built a
 building for itself - putting on a thatch roof this year because of lack
 of funds, hoping to replace with tile in another year or two.
 Trusting that this will find you in the midst of preparation
 for a joyous Christmas season and with most cordial greetings
 to you & Mrs. Brown

Sincerely yours
 Samuel A. Moffett.

Peters Yang Koon 1911

Diagram accompanying my letter to Mr. Gould of which 10000
copies were requested.



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信務



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昔年十月十日

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228. Miss Hilde Holstrom Nov. 6, 1911, Syon Chym (to Mrs. A. F. Miffett).

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Uses Mrs. Miffett Bible class outlines "I wish, I'm praying H.S. to enlighten me so I can understand you.. " The arrest of so many ^{of our} people lately has thrown a gloom over the whole station..

229. Mrs S. L. Roberts. Nov. 8 . Syon Chm (to Mrs. A. F. M.)

All faculty of 22 boys of Acad. in prison.. Your brother in prison school resented school continues without faculty to Jap. surprise.. "Insuri.. " if the Japs wish to destroy the power of the club they are going about it in the wrong way..

the same size of page as Part I so that they may be bound together if desired.

The work this far completed is now offered to the Council, one Copy each as sample being herewith presented to the Chairman and Secretary. Aware of the many defects, it is still hoped that it may serve as a good friend and help to those who are studying the language.

Respectfully Submitted,

JAMES GALL.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE PRESBYTERIAN THEOLOGICAL
SEMINARY OF KOREA.

The Board of Directors met twice during the year—once in Pyeng Yang during the Seminary year, and once in Taikn at the time of this Council.

The following report from the Faculty was received and approved.

REPORT OF THE FACULTY OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

This year's work was marked by progress along already approved lines, by the enrollment of a very large entering class, by the failure to return on the part of a larger proportion of former students than ever before—which is accounted for by many causes—and by the better health and spirits of the students owing to the provision of the new dormitories. The dormitories are a very great blessing and a large factor in inducing more efficient work.

There were 137 students enrolled besides 3 graduates who came although no provision was made this year for Post Graduate work. Next year it is intended to provide a Post Graduate course.

The Faculty this year consisted of Revs. Harrison and Tate of the S. Pres. Mission, Dr. Grierson of the Canadian, Mr. Ergel of the Australian Pres. Mission, Revs. Erdman, Under-

wood, Gale, Sharp and Moffett of the Northern Pres. Mission, Mr. Holderoff and Mr. Hoffman in music, Dr. Wells in hygiene, and Mr. Blair by a few special lectures, rendered appreciated assistance. The Monday Evening Spiritual Conferences on subjects bearing upon Christ in personal relation with His followers were very helpful. A request from Seoul Tai Oui Won to allow a student to take extra moral study with participation in terminal examinations was not approved.

Discipline was thoroughly administered and in the case of three men who were more or less guilty of cribbing in examinations, of two of them it was announced in their classes that they were recommended to drop their studies for one year, the other being reported to his Tai Oui Won.

It was decided that in future years all students in entering should be prepared to attest that they have read the entire Bible.

Supplementary examinations may be taken only after a period of three months has elapsed.

The graduation exercises were held June 13th, Mr. Adams giving the address.

The following sixteen men were granted diplomas:—

박영진 차형준 리기형 당운식 도덕찬
[송한 김덕선 김석창 김창문 안봉쥬 김영옥
리일영 김니개 영석중 송현근 김동형

There were quite a number of failures in examinations, especially so in the 1st year class, it being evident that some of these are not able to meet the requirements of study. This fact has been communicated to members of their Tai Oui Won.

The graduates of the Seminary have been in great demand and it is gratifying to learn that in almost all cases they have given satisfaction to the Churches and to the Missionaries most closely related to them. The graduates are already settled in 11 of the 13 Provinces and in Manchuria, Mongolia and Siberia.

The Board adopted the following recommendations:—

That the Mission be requested to increase the dormitory accommodations sufficiently to accommodate 120 students.

That one of the Missions be requested to provide a bath house for the Seminary.

That Drs. Underwood and Moffett be a committee to draw plans for two furnished houses for Professors out of town and to submit estimates for the same.

That Drs. Moffett, Underwood and Engel be a committee to develop the Library and to draw plans for a building and secure estimates for the cost of the same.

That the Missions be requested to increase by 50% their subscriptions for the running expenses of the Seminary.

That the Missions be requested to contribute Y1000. for additional outfit for dormitories and lecture rooms, an organ, a bell etc. the contributions to be requested in the following proportion,—Northern Pres. Y500. Southern Pres. Y250. Australian Pres. Y150 Canadian Pres. Y100.

That the use of Y500. for development and decoration of the Seminary grounds be approved.

That the Missions be requested to make the following appointments to the teaching force,—Messrs. Moffett, Reynolds, Engel and Underwood for three years, the first three for the full term of three months each; Messrs. Gale, Clark, Edman, Whittemore, McCutchen, Sharp and Foote for six weeks each, next year.

That Messrs. F. S. Miller and W. N. Blair, Preston and Harrison be alternates.

That in view of the development of Bible Institutes the Faculty take cognizance of their curricula with a view to such modifications in our course of study as may seem best and to report to the Council through this Board.

That the accounts be submitted to the auditing committee of the Council for audit some time during the year.

We are glad to report a fund of £150. in the hands of the Australian Mission for a dormitory.

SAMUEL A. MOFFETT,
Chairman.

MINUTES
OF THE
FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE
PRESBYTERY
OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN KOREA
HELD AT
T A I K U
Sept. 17-22, 1911.

(Translated from the Official Korean Minutes by C. I. B.)



Womens Work in Kang Kai, by Mrs Blair.

A note from Mrs Moffett asking for a paper on some particular phase of the Women's work in Kang Kai has set us thinking and talking about our Bible women and the peculiar circumstances under which they work and at the risk of repeating my self I am going to give you the gist of the matter.

First to give you an idea of our district, a little comparative geography. And please do not any of you hold me too closely to my figure for they are only approximate. When I opened the geography I stumbled on a map of Palestine. If you begin at the south end of the dead sea and travel north to Hermon you will cover the distance north and south which our itinerators must cover as they travel up and down the district. Judea at her widest point, including the land settled east of Jordan is the width of our allotted portion of Korea. Scotland is a little longer and a little wider but allowing for her indentations has very little if any more land. Half of Colorado or Massachusetts a couple of times will about equal our parish. But you must choose the mountainous part of Colorado with her heaviest rains daily occurrences, and extreme summer heat when it is not raining, for several months of the year and heavy snows for many of the remaining months. The snows however, make excellent roads for travel if one is very acrobatic and can land on his feet on the upper side of an inclined road when he feels the sleigh unexpectedly going over the embankment. If you have a good horseman he will jump quickly so that you can land on his back if the sleigh turns upside down over a precipice but these experiences and breaking through the top ice over a gentle little stream like the Yalu do not specially commend themselves as suitable to a lady. (Please do not think that I am trying to detract from the beauties of Kang Kai, I am just presenting a phase of the subject and you will see its application later.) The mountain roads are steep and hard to climb. One of the passes we crossed getting up here this summer

was so steep that the chair coolies could not carry me up. The turns back and forth were so short and sharp that there was no room for the chair poles and I had to be perched on the top of one of the horse loads with a man walking behind me to hold me on so that I would not slide off backwards. You will not be surprised to know that under these circumstances we women have felt that we had done a great deal just to get here and have done absolutely no itinerating. Possibly some day when our babies are older we may undertake it but as yet it seems out of the ~~XXXXX~~ question.

But what is to be done for the women? They cannot be left to wait for our possible going at some distant date. When Misses Mills & Samuels came to help in our class last year they were besieged every step of the way by women trying to make them promise to come back at once to help them. But these two young ladies are both stationed elsewhere and cannot come and our force is so occupied that it would be difficult for us to get a single woman and moreover we are so isolated that it would not be fair to ask just one single woman to come. She should have a "better half", too, though only another human worker. She would need her to help make a home and to help take the long hard trips and that at present is clearly not feasible. The question of how to meet the situation was most insistent and we finally decided that the thing to do was to develop a circle of women qualified for the work.

We have here in Kang Kai assisting in the city work a woman whose name is Nu Ssi. She is a most efficient helper. In the local church there are many more women than men and their work is well organized. There is an unusually good spirit among the women and Nu Ssi is largely responsible for it. She has also been a prime mover on the organization and conduct of an excellent girls' school which enrolled over 60 last year and graduated five. One of the first things which particularly impressed me after coming here was hearing Nu Ssi tell of a trip she

had made to some distant churches. She had been out a month and taught classes in seven churches, I believe, travelling several hundred li over very difficult roads to do it. She was also in the habit of going to near by churches for a few days teaching and the women everywhere were greatly profited by her ministrations. The thought came to us that ~~WIKH~~ if one such with as little preparation as she had had, only a few days at a class in Syen Chyun, could do as much as she does why could not several women be sent to training classes and equipped to do the work the foreign ladies usually do?

So we evolved a Bible Woman Scheme of our own.

What is a Bible Woman? As a rule she is a woman supported by foreign funds who is the personal helper of one of the foreign women, and works under her personal supervision. She is chosen by the woman whose helper she is and her choice is ratified by the station.

The Women workers in our district are quite different. In fact their work is on a par with that of the men who are known as Cho-sas. The Cho-sa is a helper who has control over a large working district, of course under one of the Missionaries. Our women are called Kwan-sas. Unlike the men they have no authority in their district so far as church questions are concerned but they have large influence and they like the Cho-sas work under the supervision of the pastor of the district in which they labor.

The year of a Kwan-sa is divided into three parts. Three months are spent in study at an accredited Bible School, four months of the year are given to their work in their homes, their personal home life, and the remaining five months are spent travelling about to all the churches and groups with which they were connected. This travelling, preaching to the heathen, and helping at the church work in such ways as a pastor's assistant at home would help constitute the principal lines of their efforts.

When ever a woman goes off

Whenever a woman goes off on one of these preaching trips an older woman accompanies her as chaperone or else she takes companions with her from church to church as she goes. This is one of the requirements.

When ever a district is sufficiently anxious for a Kuan-sa to be willing to guarantee her salary for the five months of service, which must be almost thirty yen a year, an application is sent to the pastor whose appointee must be ratified by the Se-chal Wi-won or committee of control which is responsible to the Presbytery.

An appropriation for thirty yen each from money which the Board gives for our bible women's work is then applied to the expenses of this new appointee's training in the Bible school. But her salary is entirely paid by those whom she serves and it is part of the plan that just as rapidly as possible the churches will take over the expenses of her education also, thus releasing that money for other work. As a matter of fact one woman's expenses were paid by her church and another who has a little money paid her own so we are getting along in that respect already.

38 $\frac{1}{2}$ A second advantage of the plan is that the abnormal condition of having the work of the church broken into the men's and women's work is obviated, the same men and committees having charge of all and so making it more of a unit.

38 $\frac{1}{2}$ A third part of the plan is to have the men and women unite in their big Bible classes. During the morning and afternoon they meet to study separately, each division led by ~~an~~ especially qualified but in the evenings they unite in one general big meeting. In this way more women can attend as a woman can take with her husband the long journey to the class which would be impossible if she went alone. She also has the advantage of hearing the special speakers who are called to the men's class.

I have told you what Nu Ssi has done. Cha Cho-sa says of Choi Ssi's work that since she began he has been able to reach the women

as never before and that they have developed remarkably in their ability to work and do their part. An Moksa told Kim Moksa, who has charge of the China District what the women had done for his churches and he went home and immediately appointed a worker from among his leading women. These are only beginnings but they seem promising to us and we believe the Lord will use these women to do great things in this work which is so new and undeveloped.

Characteristic Features and Problems of Women's Work in
Syen Chyun.

Seven of us, Syen Chyunites, gathered together one afternoon to discuss the work for women in our province, were asked to decide what was the most significant thing in regard to it. All with one accord made answer in varying phrases, "Its immensity and our inadequacy."

Six married women, all with home and family cares, and one single, now only two years on the field, to over-see the work for over 12000 Christian women in the province, in the town three Sabbath Schools enrolling over 1200 women and girls, weekday Bible classes, school for young married women, Academy for girls, not to speak of the supervision of the primary schools. No wonder we look forward with anxiety to the coming year. Truly this is one of the times when we feel that we must turn to the Lord only to accomplish the results and if, as we know, the work at such times is always specially blest, surely this year will be one of joy and blessing to us all.

This is not intended as an appeal for aid but merely a summing up of our situation without which we could not intelligently discuss the work. The women are so responsive, so eager for teaching, and so dependent upon the foreigner for light that we feel our responsibility towards them very greatly.

It seems to me that one of the most interesting and significant features of our Woman's Work at present is the very large proportion of baptized women to be found in all our classes, - in the Sunday Schools, the week day classes, and more than all in our spring Bible Conference.

The statistics show a steady increase along this line and last spring out of the 1283 women enrolled from town and country only 150 were new believers. This does not mean that our increase in the whole number of adherents is less but that the large body of those who come into the church stay and in time are received as catechumens and

baptized. Nor does it mean that the requirements are lax, for besides the examination on belief, knowledge and conduct, ability to read is an almost invariable requirement, especially among the young women and it is surprising how many of the old grandmothers also, can follow the reading from their book. Recently in our Woman's Sunday School in the south church we started the plan of asking all those who cared to learn to read to stay after the regular Sunday School service was over, the thought having been suggested by seeing one of the old ladies with her spectacles on her nose laboriously pointing down the lines of her hymn book, while waiting for the service to begin, and showing an admiring eager group of the contemporaries how to sing from the book. The first Sunday School out of the 400 enrolled, considerably over a hundred women remained and we went to work with a will. Of course since, their number has fallen off a bit, but great interest is shown in the wall chart of the syllabary which we had made so that even the darkened eyes of the old women could see the characters and learn to recognize them. Some were so anxious to take it back to their homes that we could hardly bear to refuse them, and some asked so wistfully, "If we learn these characters can we really learn to read our Bibles?" What we regret is that we had not thought of this way of helping them long ago. We had tried week day classes at various times but the hour directly after S.S. when so many have little to do but wait for the afternoon preaching service seems to be better adapted.

Aside from the fact that the body of women as a whole are progressing we feel that one of the reasons for the increasing proportion of the baptized in our Bible Conferences is due to the fact that if out of a thousand only one woman can come, the more advanced member of the family is selected seeing that in that way she can help her friends and the ultimate profit thus is greater for all. And yet it is evident that many wait impatiently for their turn to come for we

notice the pride and pleasure with which the new ones say it is their first time and tell of their anxiety to attend in previous years. Occasionally, and this is one of the chief dangers, we find women who, having been baptized, feel that that is the height of their ambition and relax their efforts when once it is attained, but in the main they advance and develop mentally and spiritually.

And now the problem confronts us, "How can we best reach them and help them to advance as they should?" In the early days, so we hear from those who have been longest in the work, every individual member of the church was known personally to the missionary and could frequently be met and talked with, advised or admonished, and the close personal touch was evident throughout all the work. But now, with the thousands instead of the tens to take into consideration this is impossible. As we look on the sea of faces in the church services, it is only the occasional one that we know well enough to recall name or personality. Many faces are familiar more or less from constant attendance but the close sisterly touch we would so like to feel is almost beyond us. When we begin to count up it seems as though we know a good many and they do come to see us frequently but after all it is only the tens among the hundreds that we know. We know that this close friendship has been one of the reasons for advance in the past, but if in the town it is now difficult to maintain, how much more in the province! How can one woman, itinerating for nine months almost constantly though she may, reach the thousands waiting to be ~~met~~ met and helped?

We are trying to organize special bands of Korean women who will go out to the country places and teach their more ignorant friends but almost all of our advanced women here have home or family ties or lack money for such trips. It is the same with our Korean sisters as with ourselves. We cannot ask them to leave a family of children to

and especially in regard to the classes in the country which have been
 successfully held by the Korean women.
 This is one of our greatest problems. How shall we best equip
 out women for teaching and training their less advanced sisters? Is the
 said Bible woman the best plan and should we have more of them? And
 what form should their training take? There are some of the questions
 we have not yet worked out and we want your help. The last few years
 Miss Gamala has planned to hold longer classes at certain larger centers
 throughout the province, but beside these there are many, many smaller
 places where the women need class-work or special teaching, and where it
 is an utter impossibility for the missionary to go every year. We want
 to fit the Korean women to do this work as soon as possible.
 The problems are great, but we are not discouraged when we
 consider the growth of the work as a whole and the individual progress
 of the hundreds. The bright intelligent faces of the millitudes, the
 clear babies, are all evidences that the seed planted in the past is
 blossoming now, and that we can hopefully leave the full development of
 the fruit to the E care of our great Husbandman and Father.

Mrs. W.P. Whittemore

make many of these teaching trips, earnest and zealous though they are. Many do it at great cost. Dear old Kim Ssi, so long Miss Samuels' great help and dependence has now grown too old to travel regularly but she still goes as her strength permits and preaches the Word although her methods are not the latest in Pedagogy. She by the way was the first Korean, man or woman, to give money for the support of a native worker in our province. This was over twelve years ago when she made a subscription for the salary of _____, then the only helper in the Syen Chyun field. She also gave, shortly after, a tiled building in the town for the woman's work and five years ago she gave land for an endowment for the Boys' Academy, which she has since turned over to Mr Hugh O'Neill. But not all women can give as she can for she has no immediate family and an independent property, but she is an example to all in her whole hearted service. Many examples of this volunteer preaching and teaching could be given. My own cook, a little woman, tied down by a family of four little boys, is most earnest and zealous in her desire to preach and has several times asked me for a Sunday off to go to some heathen relations in a nearby village. But very few of our women have as yet reached the period where they can be sent off to hold classes of any size entirely on their own responsibility and without any supervision of a foreigner. Several years special training classes have been held to give our advanced women instruction in methods of teaching etc., but with the work of the whole province pressing and frequent calls from other stations for aid, Miss Samuels has been able to devote comparatively little time to it, Miss Chase's time has been largely given to the Academy, and our married women with their limited time, many demands already being made upon it, have not been able to help much in their part. But we hope in the future that this plan can be developed greatly, possibly in the form of a Bible Institute, and we want suggestions from those ladies who have already carried on these classes

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Methodist Educational Position in the Union Christian College

Up to the time of my furlough I had worked hard for the development of the Union College and even while at home (U.S.A.) had enthusiastically got out a booklet (see portions pasted in this). I had recognized elements of firm class and nobility in the Presbyterian Basketball Club P.Y. which was premier in our only advanced institution Pai Chai. I felt that we should tie up to something strong in the initial stages of our rebuilding our Meth. education in Korea. So in spite of being a minority and merely being allowed privileges of joining a Pres. Basketball already firmly established - we joined heartily into the Union effort in 1905 - I cooperated for 5 years doing everything I could to make the Union work profitable to Methodists - helped Meth. boys in every way so that they might study - and gradually raised the number of Meth. students from 3 to 957 (1911) - In 1911 there were 14 Meth. out of 68 - 200 in the College and 81 out of 287 - 280 in the Academy. During this time we acquired a goodly number of staff, teachers and leaders - just what was needed during this period of rapid development of churches & schools. The strong religious spirit of the school during this period (the period) was a good connecting link to every other school, & the

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April 28th. 1911.

The Rev. Samuel A. Moffett, D.D.

Pyeong Yang, Korea.

Dear Dr. Moffett:

I was deeply interested in your monthly letter on behalf of the station, although only a part of it related to subjects which we could send out to the papers and churches, but it told me some things that helped me to a better understanding of the situation. I am in strong sympathy with your desire to see the college and Seminary given an adequate equipment. I hope you are helping in touch with Mrs. McCormick and that you will do everything in your power to lead her to make adequate provision at least for the Seminary. I wish she would not only equip it but endow it.

I have had the great privilege of preparing the introduction to the Board's Annual Report to the General Assembly. This has given me an opportunity to take a view of our widely extended work throughout the world and to read over many reports. The returns from some fields indicate sorrow and anxiety. Pneumonic Plague in the Shantung and North China Missions and famine in the Kiang-su Mission have brought heart-breaking experiences to many devoted missionaries. But taking the widely extended field as a whole, the note is one of distinct encouragement, and it is more evident than ever that God's work is moving on to a glorious consummation.

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I pray that you may be more and more conscious in your own
life of the great privilege in having a part in this great
work.

Sincerely yours,

A. J. Brown

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Pyeng Yang, Korea

November 2, 1911

Samuel A. Moffett

Rev. W.I. Haven, D.D., American Bible Society, New York, New York

My dear Dr. Haven:-

It is just a month since we closed the meeting of the [Bible] Committee, representing to you more fully our position. I deem the subject [urgent], yet matters which could not be delayed have interfered with my taking up this commission.

You have of course already heard from Mr. Beck giving you an account of the meeting and a statement of the action taken in suggesting to the Bible Societies a new Constitution. New, however, in but very few points and old in that it goes back to some of the provisions in a former Constitution. I need hardly write that in experiences of the last ten years have been in some respects far contrary to your expressed wishes in certain respects. Nevertheless we propose them because of past and present experiences and because we believe that in this way we can most surely secure the harmonious cooperation of the Bible Societies and in making the work of the Bible Societies what it should be, an efficient help to the Missions in the evangelization of this people.

Now we recognize the fact that to secure your assent to our plan we need to overcome what you believe to be serious objections to it, so serious in fact that you have practically said in advance that our proposal is not satisfactory.

Nevertheless we come to you with a unanimous plea for your assent, justified in this we believe by our deep concern for and our supreme interest in the work of the evangelization of Korea.

The Bible Committee meeting was a fully represented one, every Mission in it having its full quota of members present - making 15 in addition to the two agents of the Bible Societies and the three members of the Board of Translators.

The opinion that what we propose is best for the work in Korea was, with the exception of Mr. Beck, your Agent, unanimous, although two members had voted no on the Constitution, only as they said, because they did not believe the A.B.S. would accept it since they had already said so.

They, however, stated that they believe our proposal is the best for the field if only the Bible Societies will agree.

This being the unanimous opinion of the representatives of the 4 Presbyterian, 2 Methodist and the Church of England Missions in Korea we believe it our duty to so represent to you and we believe that we are justified in expecting that you will not only give a re-consideration but that in view of the primary purpose of the Bible Societies to work in cooperation with the Missions on the field, you will accede to our proposal and be willing to

have one Agency with but one Agent.

We do not believe that it is possible to secure harmony and to work out the best interests of Mission work and that of the Bible Societies except as we have but one Agent who will work in cooperation with the Committee representing the Missions.

Our position and your position is that the Bible Societies who receive their support from and are the Agency of the Churches which have planted the Missions here for the establishment of the Church, do not exist for the sake of the Societies but for the sake of the Church, and that the Missions are the main executive factors of the Home Churches in the work of establishing the Church on the Mission field.

We know that the Bible Societies do not desire nor intend to antagonize the Missions but to cooperate with them. We believe the Societies have no desire to enter into competition or rivalry for the possession of any field to the detriment of the work of the Missions.

Consequently, we believe that the unanimous voice of the organized Missions in Korea asking for but one Agent should receive the assent of the Bible Societies.

The present situation here is deplorable and if fully understood by the A.B.S. or its constituency would not be continued by you. That the A.B.S. [American Bible Society] should be making the impression upon many of the missionaries that it is injurious to the interests of the Missions and a source of friction, division and strife even among the Korean Christians even to the point of introducing an element of bitterness and misunderstanding into the Korean Church is not only deplorable but however it is to be explained or accounted for is a matter of deep concern to the A.B.S. whose good name should be maintained. Even though you believe the impression made is unjustified it is only right that you should know that such an impression has been made upon many.

Now I do not want to enter into particulars as to the why and wherefore of this situation nor to attempt to fix the blame for it. The present situation is an incident but it is one growing out of causes which we deem it imperative to remedy and which can be effectually and permanently remedied only by the proposal that "there shall be but one Agency in Korea, the Agent to be appointed by the Societies which work through this Agency".

We are also aware of the fact that what we propose is not in some respects what the British & Foreign Bible Society has desired, but we believe that that Society also will give due consideration to the unanimous wish of the Bible Committee. I am writing to Dr. Ritson [of the B.F.B.S.] also to the same effect.

In the interests of the Church in Korea we missionaries are pleading with the Bible Societies to place their work on such a harmonious basis of cooperation with each other and with us that the Lord's work shall be advanced, and we think we are justified in asking the Bible Societies to give us a very large voice in the question as to how this can be secured. Harmony

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along those lines means peace and joy to us and to the Church in Korea. Friction and strife here mean the overturning of the results of years of effort on our part and the introduction of strife and ill-feeling into the Korean Church.

It has already had that effect in cases well and thoroughly known to me personally and I write with deep conviction when I say that a failure on the part of the Bible Societies to recognize the gravity of our appeal will be not only a blow to the harmonious working of the Bible Societies' interests but also a blow to the interests of the Lord's work in Korea.

I cannot believe that however great your difficulty in seeing the situation just as we see it, you will fail to make concession to the wishes of the body of Missionaries here who are eager to secure the cooperation of the Bible Societies in the furtherance of the work.

We appreciate most sincerely what the A.B.S. has done for the circulation of the Scriptures in Korea and we desire such a basis as will secure your harmonious cooperation in this work.

We do not want a division of the field between the Societies and we believe that by correspondence the Societies can arrange so that under the provision of Article IX, Section 2, the work may be carried on without friction under one Agent, satisfactory to all.

Writing in behalf of the [Bible] Committee and of a body of Missionaries who are eagerly awaiting a satisfactory solution of this problem which has become an acute one affecting us all in our Church work and in our relations to the Koreans, I ask for your most serious attention to our request.

With an earnest desire and prayer for a blessing upon your and our efforts for Korea and for the guidance of the Spirit of God upon you in considering this question, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Samuel A. Moffett

(from the Library and Archives, Archives/Records Center, American Bible Society, New York, New York)